

# SEND NEWS

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Hi Everyone,

I do hope that you and all of your family, are safe and well. It has been a strange and difficult time for us all.

I wanted to thank you first of all for all the home learning you have been doing with your children – I am sure that it hasn't been easy. I also wanted to reassure you that although I have been working from home, I have continued to work on behalf of the SEND children.

Over the last few months, I have been in contact with the Early Years Lead, Ms Hinde, the Local Authority (LA) and some of the pre-schools, in preparation for the admission of the SEND children starting school in September. I have had Transition Meetings with the Early Years LA SENDCOs to ensure that we are fully aware of the range and complexity of the children's needs to ensure that we can confidently remove barriers to learning where possible that the children may encounter when starting school for the first time.

I have had the privilege of phoning the families of children who have an Education Health Care Plan, on a weekly basis. I have really looked forward to these calls, as they have kept me feeling in touch with you all, and this weekly contact has really helped to keep spirits up all round.

All EHCP Annual Reviews that are due this term are proceeding as scheduled, albeit remotely.

I have been in close communication with all of the medical services. I am glad to say that we were one of the first schools to be able to, once again, offer Speech and Language Therapy. This is happening either by ZOOM or by telephone for our EHCP children. We hope that we can widen the number of children being supported for Speech and Language Therapy soon.

I have had discussions around the support that we may be having from the Educational Psychology Service for next year. Hopefully, the service will resume soon.

Before the lockdown, we had been working closely with the Trailblazer Project (Bromley Wellbeing). I'm happy to report that this has continued to be offered remotely for the Year 4, 5 and 6 children who indicated that they would like to work with the Project.

I am in weekly contact with the other SENDCOs within the Nexus Trust and I also have weekly contact with the Local Education Authority SEND department.

I have completed the Year 6 SEND Secondary Transition Reports for all of the SEND Year 6 children who are transitioning to the various secondary schools in September. In the vast majority of cases, I have spoken personally with the secondary school SENDCO as well.

I am also liaising with class teachers re the SEND children's End of Year Annual Reports. I am reading them and am therefore fully up to speed on your children's attainment and progress, ready for September.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you all again. In the meantime, I am still contactable via email on [admin.office@bickley.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:admin.office@bickley.bromley.sch.uk) I know that it may be difficult, especially after such an extended period, but please continue to try to support your child's learning, as they will find school a lot easier in September if they have continued to read, write and complete maths and other tasks during their school absence.

Sending you all my very best wishes

Mrs Pauline Grant  
Inclusion Manager

